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**UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK**

In re:

SEARS HOLDINGS CORPORATION, *et al.*,

Debtors.

)
) Chapter 11
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) Case No. 18-23538 (RDD)
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) (Jointly Administered)
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**APPLICATION OF NEW YORK STATE ELECTRIC AND GAS
CORPORATION PURSUANT TO SECTION 7 OF THE ORDER (I) APPROVING
DEBTORS' PROPOSED FORM OF ADEQUATE ASSURANCE OF PAYMENT
TO UTILITY PROVIDERS, (II) ESTABLISHING PROCEDURES FOR
DETERMINING ADEQUATE ASSURANCE OF PAYMENT FOR FUTURE
UTILITY SERVICES, AND (III) PROHIBITING UTILITY PROVIDERS FROM
ALTERING, REFUSING, OR DISCONTINUING UTILITY SERVICE [DOCKET
NO. 461] FOR PAYMENT FROM THE ADEQUATE ASSURANCE ACCOUNT**

New York State Electric and Gas Corporation (“NYSEG”), by counsel, for its Application pursuant to Section 7 of the *Order (I) Approving Debtors’ Proposed Form of Adequate Assurance of Payment to Utility Providers, (II) Establishing Procedures for Determining Adequate Assurance of Payment for Future Utility Services, and (III) Prohibiting Utility Providers from Altering, Refusing, or Discontinuing Utility Service* [Docket No. 461] (the “Utility Order”), states as follows:

Jurisdiction and Venue

1. This Court has jurisdiction over this Motion under 28 U.S.C. § 1334(b) and 11 U.S.C. § 366(c).
2. This matter is a core proceeding within the meaning of 28 U.S.C. § 157(b)(2)(A).
3. Venue of this Motion is proper in this district pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1409.

Procedural Facts

4. On October 15, 2018 (the “Petition Date”), the Debtors commenced their cases under Chapter 11 of title 11 of the United States Code (the “Bankruptcy Code”) that are now pending with this Court. The Debtors continue to operate their businesses and manage their properties as debtors in possession pursuant to Bankruptcy Code sections 1107(a) and 1108.
5. The Debtors’ chapter 11 bankruptcy cases are being jointly administered.
6. On October 18, 2018, the Debtors filed the *Motion of Debtors Requesting Entry of an Order (I) Approving Debtors’ Proposed Form of Adequate Assurance of Payment To Utility Providers, (II) Establishing Procedures For Determining Adequate Assurance of Payment For Future Utility Services, and (III) Prohibiting Utility Providers From Altering, Refusing, or Discontinuing Utility Service* [Docket No. 196] (the “Utility Motion”).

7. On November 5, 2018, the Court entered the Utility Order approving the Utility Motion.

8. According to Exhibit 1 to Exhibit 2 to the Utility Order (Page 119 of 151), the Debtors placed \$40,970 into the Adequate Assurance Account for NYSEG.

9. Section 7 of the Utility Order provides:

If the Debtors fail to pay a utility bill when due (including the passage of any cure period), the relevant Utility Provider shall provide notice of such default to the Debtors, and if within five (5) business days of such notice the bill is not paid, the Utility Provider may file an application with the Court certifying that payment has not been made and requesting the amount due up to an aggregate maximum equal to the Adequate Assurance Deposit allocable to such Utility Provider.

Default Notice Issued By NYSEG

10. On April 6, 2019, NYSEG, by counsel, issued a default notice pursuant to Section 7 of the Utility Order for the following past due, post-petition invoices:

- A. Account Ending in 0240 - \$25,770.25 past due balance due on April 5, 2019;
- B. Account Ending in 0257 - \$44,024 past due balance due on April 4, 2019;
- C. Account Ending in 0299 - \$18,024.68 past due balance due on April 6, 2019, which has subsequently been paid; and
- D. Account Ending in 5382 - \$1,025.79 past due balance due on March 17, 2019, which has subsequently been paid.

11. Except for the payments on the invoices referenced in paragraph 10.C. and D. above, the other invoices in the total amount of \$69,794.25 remain past due as of the date of this Application.

12. Attached as Exhibit 1 to this Application is the Declaration of Jennifer Davy

stating that the amounts due have not been paid as of the date of her Declaration.

WHEREFORE, NYSEG respectfully requests that this Court enter an order:

1. Requiring the Debtors to immediately tender payment in the amount of \$40,970 from the Adequate Assurance Account for the past due post-petition invoices listed in paragraph 10 of this Application;
2. Tender an additional payment of \$28,824.25 to cover the balance of the \$69,794.25 in past due charges not covered by the purportedly two week amount in the Adequate Assurance Account; and
3. Providing such other and further relief as the Court deems just and appropriate.

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